

# MRS. BRADLEY UNDER HOT FIRE OF PROSECUTOR ADMITS WRITING LETTERS DECLARING AGAINST MRS. BROWN

Missives Indicate that She Wanted the Ex-Senator to Part From His Wife, but Prisoner Refuses to Commit Herself.

## Jurymen Shed Tears With Mrs. Bradley As She Tells Story

If Their Aspect Yesterday Foretold It the Verdict Will Be One of Acquittal, Says Nixola Greeley-Smith.

### BROWN'S LOVE LETTERS READ.

Although They Clearly Establish His Duplicity, She Clings to the Belief That He Loved Her to the Last.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



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Annie M. Bradley has told her story.

In the hushed silence of a Washington courtroom yesterday her soul was laid. The life of intimate emotion she lived for ten years with Arthur Brown, for killing whom she is on trial, was lived over again in sobs and tears that her sober jury of small merchants and petty employees might find in it her justification.

These men heard it with moist eyes and throats parched with deep feeling. If their aspect yesterday foretold their verdict, it will be one of acquittal.

But a jury's tears do not often foretell anything. Some of the men on the Thaw jury who were most visibly affected by Evelyn Thaw's story afterward voted to convict her husband.

Her Story Broken by Sobs. Yesterday hundreds of men and women in Judge Stafford's court hung on the feeble, faltering words of the little woman in black. Her story was interrupted, save by the gentle questioning and considerate pauses of her chief counsel, Orlando Powers, when her feelings overcame her and sobs shook the shadowy body on which the storm of love and hatred and disgrace have spent themselves.

Mrs. Bradley bore the ordeal with greater fortitude than even her friends expected. She wept at times, and the proceedings halted long enough for her to recover her composure, but she told a touching and convincing story.

As the record of a man's duplicity toward a woman who had trusted him, it was sordid and sickening. To any woman who heard it it left a taint upon the whole realm of emotion, poisoning the springs of love and faith in her own breast.

Brown's Love-Letters in Evidence. No more passionate and seemingly sincere love letters from a man to a woman have ever been written than those from Arthur Brown to Mrs. Bradley, read in court yesterday. And the recitation of these endearments was so soon forgotten, these solemn pledges so soon brutally depicted, was so soon and so completely destroyed, that the poor little woman on the stand.

It gave one a cowardly desire to set as far away as possible from that torture chamber and to find outside in the fresh air and the autumn sunshine the pale ghost of the joy she had felt when she first met him.

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## HEARST DEFENSE IN LIBEL ACTION SUDDENLY RESTS

Only Two Witnesses, Servants, Called to Prove Charges Against Chanler.

William Randolph Hearst, through his counsel, William L. K. Olcott, closed his defense this afternoon in the action for alleged criminal libel brought against him by William Astor Chanler. The sudden winding-up of the defense was a surprise to those in the crowded courtroom as it was expected that the Hearst plea of justification would result in calling many witnesses. As the case stands, the only testimony before the court to substantiate the charge that Mr. Chanler was involved with Raymond, the notorious ex-convict, was given by two Finnish servants formerly employed by Hitebrook. Neither speaks English, and one of them, when asked to designate Mr. Chanler in the courtroom, pointed to Mr. Hearst.

Mr. Olcott, after announcing that he had no more evidence to offer, moved for a judgment in his favor. Justice J. Lee Wainwright, who presided, said he would take the motion under advisement and decide tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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## CITY HOSPITAL PATIENT SOUGHT AS MAN'S SLAYER

Hoffman Dies After Injuries He Said Were Inflicted Near River.

The police are investigating the death of Samuel Hoffman, of No. 44 Ninth avenue, who died last night at the City Hospital. Blackwell's Island. Hoffman received Nov. 10. A discharged patient of the hospital is suspected of having assaulted Hoffman and a general alarm has been issued for his arrest.

Hoffman, when admitted to the hospital, Nov. 10, was suffering from a fracture of the jaw and contusions of the face and body. He told the officials that he had been attacked by a man unknown to him, on East Fifth street, near the river, Nov. 10, and the East River, while on his way to the hospital for treatment.

As Hoffman was in a nervous state when he made this statement, no report of the assault was made to the police until he died last night.

Commissioner Hobart, of the Department of Charities, examined several of the hospital attendants as soon as he heard of Hoffman's death and gave all the information he learned to Detective.

Coroner's physician Lebane will perform an autopsy to-morrow to find out officially the cause of Hoffman's death.

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